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SSU at a glance

The resources of a University ...
6,000 students from 36 states and 50 foreign countries
29 undergraduate and 7 graduate programs
200 full-time tenure-track faculty, 85 percent with terminal degrees, including National Endowment for the Humanities scholars and Fulbright professors.
NCAA Division III Athletics, 9 men's, 10 women's intercollegiate teams; 22 intramural sports

... with small-school opportunities.
Approachable faculty (17:1 student/faculty ratio)
Honors program with dedicated faculty at the Bellavance Honors Center. Ten residence complexes including traditional, co-ed, suite and apartment styles.

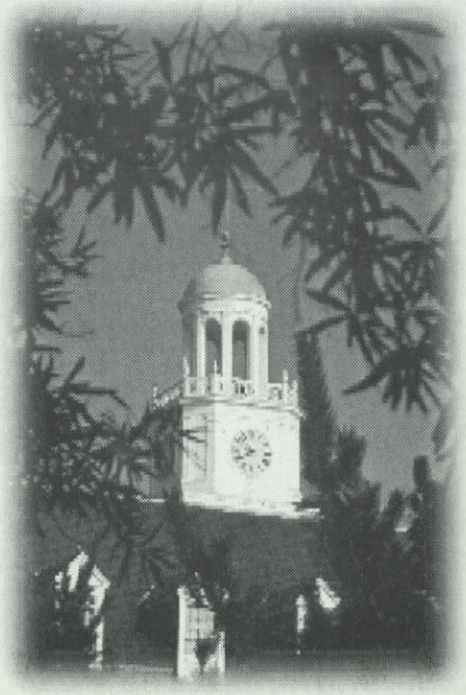
The security of state support ...
1997-98 tuition, room, board and fees: $8,982 per year for Maryland residents; $12,734 per year out-of-state.
A library with over 800,000 volumes, periodicals, microforms and databases including word processing and computer labs. Access to collections throughout the country.

... with the benefits of private funding.
Altogether, SSU awards nearly $1 million in academic scholarships each year. More than $22 million in private endowments supports some of those scholarships and provides for some of the finest educational programs.

In an ideal–and idyllic–location:
Salisbury, MD, is 30 miles west of the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean City, MD, and 20 miles east of the Chesapeake Bay; 2 hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, DE. The campus is 2 1/2 hours from Norfolk, VA, and Philadelphia, PA, and 4 1/2 hours from New York.

Come see us–in person, or in cyberspace. We'd love to see your smiling face, but if you can't get here, check out our Web site.
We're at **http://www.ssu.edu.**

SSU's campus is in an attractive, residential neighborhood of stately homes on sculpted lawns, less than one-half mile from the banks of the Wicomico River. The campus includes 34 buildings on 125 landscaped acres. Students walk from one end of campus to the other in about 5 minutes.



Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo

The 1997 season marked **Gerry DiBartolo's** 16th year as head coach of the Salisbury State University soccer program. He is the second winningest coach in the program's history with a 145-116-22 overall record, including a 12-8 mark in 1997, the program's sixth straight winning season. DiBartolo's 71 wins between 1992 and 1997 is the highest six-year victory total in the sport's 61-year history at SSU.

The Sea Gulls have won 10 or more each year since 1992. During that span, DiBartolo's teams have collected one conference championship ('92), one postseason appearance (ECAC, '93) and a regular season conference title ('94). The Sea Gulls have also played in the Capital Athletic Conference Championship game for four straight years.

Coming off a superb 13-2-1 season in 1992, DiBartolo was named the NSCAA/Umbro South Atlantic Coach of the Year. He followed with another strong campaign in 1993 as the Gulls posted 11 wins and earned their first postseason bid since 1985. Salisbury State finished as the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region runnerup. In 1994, he was named Coach of the Year in the Capital Athletic Conference as the Sea Gulls finished first in the regular season with a 6-0-1 mark.

Honors, awards and championships are nothing new for the well-respected Sea Gull mentor. DiBartolo was honored as Maryland Small College Coach of the Year in 1983 and 1984 as the Gulls captured the Maryland State Championship both seasons. He also led Salisbury State to the Eastern States Athletic Conference (ESAC) Championship in 1987 and 1992, and was recognized as the ESAC's Coach of the Year in 1992.

A 1975 graduate of Frostburg State University, where he played for four seasons and captained the team as a senior, DiBartolo worked two years as the assistant coach there before moving to the Eastern Shore. He served as a Sea Gull assistant for three seasons before taking over as head coach in 1982. DiBartolo has been chair of the ISAA/Umbro rating board and has served as a member of the NCAA Division III Tournament selection committee. He is currently chair of the NSCAA South Atlantic Coach of the Year committee.

DiBartolo also teaches in SSU's Franklin P. Perdue School of Business, and earned his D.B.A. from George Washington University in 1995. DiBartolo and his wife, Mary, have two children, Dominic and Anthony, and reside in Salisbury.

Assistant Coaches

Brian Polczynski

Former Sea Gull letterman Brian Polczynski completed his fifth season as an assistant coach during the 1997 season. The Waldorf, MD, native transferred to Salisbury State in 1991 and was SSU's starting goalie for the '91 and '92 seasons. He finished his career ranked second on Salisbury's all-time shutout list with 14, including eight shutouts in 1992 when he posted a 0.68 goals against average. Polczynski works primarily with the goalkeepers and the defense.

Rick DiCarlo

DiCarlo returned to Salisbury State in 1996 for his second tenure as an assistant with the Sea Gulls, having coached during the 1982-83 seasons. A native of Baltimore, DiCarlo played collegiately at Campbell College from 1972-76, and earned all-NAIA district honors all four seasons. He remains active in coaching youth league soccer and holds the USSF's National Coaching License. He works primarily with the forwards and midfielders at SSU.

SSU's Run of Success

With 71 wins over the past six seasons, the Salisbury State University men's soccer program has enjoyed its most successful period ever in its 61-year history. Each of the past six seasons have yielded new records, milestones and accomplishments. Starting with the 1992 season, the Sea Gulls have continually built on their success. Up to that point, 1992 was clearly the most successful season in SSU soccer history. In addition to setting a school-record with 13 victories, the Gulls remained unbeaten for the last month of the season and closed the year on a 7-0-1 run. Salisbury State won the Eastern States Athletic Conference championship, and also claimed the unofficial Maryland Division III title with a 4-0 record against in-state competition.

As an encore in 1993, the Sea Gulls earned their first postseason bid since 1985, finishing as the ECAC South Region runnersup. SSU won 10 of its final 13 regular season games to earn the bid, and enjoyed a school-record 10-game unbeaten string (nine wins and one tie) during the season. The offense set a new school-record for goals scored, while the defense posted six shutouts during the year. Once again, SSU also won all four of its games against in-state competition.

In 1994, the Sea Gulls moved into a new conference, the Capital Athletic Conference, and promptly claimed the the league's regular season title. SSU snapped Mary Washington's 30-match CAC winning streak, and posted a nine-game unbeaten streak while registering a 12-3-3 overal record. Along the way, the Gulls once again set a new team scoring record with 54 goals, and tied the season record of 10 shutouts. Another unblemished record against in-state competition upped Salisbury's mark to 12-0 against Maryland rivals over a three-year span.

The Sea Gull program reached another milestone during the 1995 campaign as junior Matt Tirschman earned all-America honors, becoming just the second SSU player to ever be recognized on the national team. Tirschman, who scored 10 goals and added 11 assists during the '95 campaign, helped lead the Gulls to an 11-7 overall finish and a second consecutive runnerup trophy in the conference.

The Sea Gulls added 12 victories in 1996, and once again enjoyed streaks of success. SSU won six straight at one point while also compiling a seven-match unbeaten streak. Led by conference player-of-the-year Tirschman, the Gulls advanced to the conference championship game for the third consecutive year. SSU also continued its recent success against in-state competition with a 4-0-1 record against Maryland teams.

SSU completed another 12-victory campaign in 1997, with junior Mike Giuffrida filling the void as the team's designated record-setter. Giuffrida snapped a 25-year old record, the team's oldest individual mark—most points in a season—by finishing the year with 36 points. He guided the Gulls through a 6-1 conference season and another berth in the CAC Championship game. In four years as a member of the CAC, Salisbury State has an 24-3-1 record.

The 1997 team captains, pictured (l-r) with Head Coach Gerry DiBartolo: junior forward Mike Giuffrida, senior midfielder Tom Sabia, senior back Lou Petrovia.

The DiBartoloYears

1982	4-12-0
1983	8-7-3 (Maryland State Champs)
1984	10-6-3 (Maryland State Champs)
1985	10-7-1
1986	6-11-2
1987	7-8-2 (ESAC Champions)
1988	5-9-3
1989	9-6-0
1990	7-8-1
1991	8-9-0
1992	13-2-1 (ESAC Champions)
1993	11-7-1 (ECAC South Runnersup)
1994	12-3-3 (CAC Runnersup)
1995	11-7-0 (CAC Runnersup)
1996	12-6-2 (CAC Runnersup)
1997	12-8-0 (CAC Runnersup)
TOTAL	145-116-22

1997 Final Results

Final Overall Record: 12-8 CAC Record: 6-1 Home: 6-4 Away: 6-4

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record	Notes
Sept. 6	@ Guilford r	W	4-0	1-0	4 players with 1 goal
Sept. 7	@ Randolph-Macon r	L	0-3	1-1	RMC 14-5 edge in shots
Sept. 13	Roanoke G	L	1-2	1-2	Giuffrida goal; Rhodes assist
Sept. 14	Greensboro G	L	2-3	1-3	Doherty 1g-1a; Giuffrida goal
Sept. 17	@ Marymount *	W	6-3	2-3	Giuffrida 4 goals; Rhodes 2 goals
Sept. 20	Eastern Mennonite	L	1-2	2-4	Johnson goal; Petrovia assist
Sept. 27	@ Frostburg State	L	1-2 ot	2-5	Rhodes goal; Johnson assist
Sept. 30	@ Gallaudet *	W	5-0	3-5	Giuffrida 2g-1a; Doherty 1g-1a
Oct. 4	@ York *	W	1-0	4-5	Tritsch goal 52:00
Oct. 8	@ St. Mary's *	W	1-0	5-5	Rhodes goal 88th minute
Oct. 11	@ Johns Hopkins	L	0-2	5-6	JHU two second half goals
Oct. 15	Goucher *	W	10-0	6-6	Giuffrida 3 goals
Oct. 18	Mary Washington *	L	0-2	6-7	SSU first CAC loss
Oct. 21	Catholic *	W	1-0	7-7	Ritchie goal; Blades assist
Oct. 25	Virginia Wesleyan	W	2-0	8-7	Doherty 2 goals; VWC ranked #3
Oct. 29	Christopher Newport	W	2-0	9-7	Rhodes, Doherty goals
Nov. 1	@ North Carolina Wesleyan	W	2-1ot	10-7	Doherty 2 penalty kick goals
Nov. 3	Marymount	W	4-0	11-7	CAC Tournament - Quarterfinal
Nov. 6	Gallaudet	W	6-0	12-7	CAC Tournament - Semifinal
Nov. 9	Mary Washington	L	0-2	12-8	CAC Championship Game

* CAC Opponents
r Randolph-Macon Tournament
G SSU Classic

1997 Statistics

Individual Scoring (Hometown)	Season Goals	Season Assists	Season Points	Career Goals	Career Assists	Career Points
Michael Giuffrida (Fallston, MD)	16	4	36	27	9	63
Brian Doherty (Baltimore, MD)	8	4	20	8	4	20
Kevin Rhodes (Reisterstown, MD)	6	4	16	9	5	23
Aaron Szager (Havre de Grace, MD)	3	1	7	3	1	7
Bob Thomas (Gambrills, MD)	3	1	7	3	1	7
Andrew Rogers (Plattsburg, NY)	2	3	7	2	3	7
Steven Ritchie (Williamsport, MD)	3	0	6	3	0	6
Rustin Tritsch (Hagerstown, MD)	2	1	5	2	1	5
David Johnson (Westminster, MD)	1	2	4	2	2	6
Mark Maguire (Wilmington, DE)	0	4	4	8	5	21
David Lobley (Hagerstown, MD)	1	2	4	4	4	12
Louis Petrovia (Baltimore, MD)	1	1	3	1	4	6
Jeremy McDonough (Baltimore, MD)	1	0	2	2	3	7
Tom Sabia (Monkton, MD)	1	0	2	2	0	4
Morten Zederkof (Denmark)	1	0	2	2	3	7
David Blades (Bel Air, MD)	0	2	2	2	5	9
Darren LaRocque (Baltimore, MD)	0	1	1	0	1	1
Richard Pauole (White Plains, MD)	0	1	1	0	1	1
SSU TOTALS	49	32	130			
OPPONENTS	22	11	55			

Goalies	G/GS	Saves	Goals	Pct.	ShO	Min	GAA
Michael Svehla (Baltimore, MD)	15/14	52	10	.839	8	1260	0.71
Brad Nein (Severn, MD)	7/4	31	8	.794	2	390	1.84
Kris Aleshire (Hagerstown, MD)	2/2	5	4	.555	0	185	1.94
SSU TOTALS	20/20	88	22	.800	10	1835	1.08
OPPONENTS	20/20	124	49	.717	4	1835	2.40

1997 Sea Gull Roster

No	Name	Pos	Yr	Hometown	High School
2	Bob Thomas	F	So	Gambrills, MD	Old Mill
3	Richard Pauole	B	So	White Plains, MD	Lackey
4	Michael Giuffrida	F	Jr	Fallston, MD	Fallston
5	Steven Ritchie	F	Fr	Williamsport, MD	Williamsport
6	Morten Zederkof	M	So	Fredericia, Denmark	Sussex Central (DE)
7	Mark Maguire	B	Sr	Wilmington, DE	A.I. DuPont
8	Brian Doherty	F	Jr	Baltimore, MD	Perry Hall
9	Kevin Rhodes	F	Jr	Reisterstown, MD	Franklin
10	David Johnson	B	So	Westminster, MD	Westminster
11	David Blades	B	Sr	Bel Air, MD	C. Milton Wright
12	Kyle Eberhardt	B	So	Damascus, MD	Damascus
13	Chris Hirt	B	Sr	Baltimore, MD	Curley
14	Pat Fridley	M	So	Crofton, MD	Arundel
15	Darren LaRocque	B	Fr	Baltimore, MD	Parkville
17	Tom Sabia	M	Sr	Monkton, MD	Loyola
18	Lou Petrovia	B	Sr	Baltimore, MD	Sparrows Point
19	Curtis Layton	M	So	Severn, MD	Meade
20	David Lobley	B	Sr	Hagerstown, MD	North Hagerstown
21	Nicholas Matesa	B	Fr	Walkersville, MD	Walkersville
22	Aaron Szager	F	Fr	Havre de Grace, MD	Havre de Grace
24	Andrew Rogers	B	Fr	Plattsburg, NY	Plattsburg
25	Michael Mazzola	M	Sr	Gambrills, MD	Old Mill
26	Rusty Tritsch	M	Fr	Hagerstown, MD	Williamsport
1	Brad Nein	G	Jr	Severn, MD	Meade
30	Michael Svehla	G	Fr	Baltimore, MD	Calvert Hall
31	Kris Aleshire	G	Sr	Hagerstown, MD	South Hagerstown

Sea Gull Recordbook

Team Records, Season
Most Wins - 13, 1992
Most Shutouts - 10, 1983, 1994, 1997
Most Goals Scored - 54, 1994
Most Consecutive Wins - 7, 1947 & 1992
Most Games Without a Loss - 10, 1993
Best Goals Against Avg. - 0.75, 1992

Individual Records, Season
Most Goals - 17, Harry Winters, 1972
Most Assists - 12, Robert Novak, 1987
Most Points - 36, Mike Giuffrida, 1997
Most Saves - 200, Brad Cordrey, 1975
Most Shutouts - 9, Dan Coleman, 1983
Best Goals Against Average - 0.53, Dan Coleman, 1983

Individual Records, Career
Most Goals - 54, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Assists - 30, Robert Novak, 1984-87
Most Points - 113, Harry Winters, 1971-74
Most Saves - 367, Brad Cordrey, 1974-75
Most Shutouts - 15, Dan Coleman, 1981-85
Best Goals Against Average - 0.97, Brian Polczynski, 1991-92

Career Goals Scored

1)	Harry Winters	1971-74	54
2)	Matt Tirschman	1993-96	35
3)	Andy Hall	1966-69	30
4)	Dale Pusey	1968-72	28
5)	Mike Giuffrida	1995-97	27
	Bruce Hartley	1965-68	27
7)	Bryan Watson	1985-89	25
8)	Al Younger	1951-54	24
9)	Wyatt Wallace	1964-67	24
10)	Tony D'Antonio	1984-87	23
11)	Tony Redman	1968-70	22
	Willie Morris	1992-95	22

Career Assists

1)	Robert Novak	1984-87	30
2)	Matt Tirschman	1993-96	27
3)	Mike Conners	1991-93	16
	Willie Morris	1992-95	16
5)	Pat Crawford	1995-96	15
6)	Henry Farrell	1981-84	13
7)	Andy Hall	1966-69	12
	Behzad Rassolee	1978-80	12

Career Points

			Goals	Assists	Points
1)	Harry Winters	1971-74	54	5	113
2)	Matt Tirschman	1993-96	35	27	97
3)	Andy Hall	1966-69	30	12	72
4)	Mike Giuffrida	1995-97	27	9	63
5)	Willie Morris	1992-95	22	16	60
6)	Bruce Hartley	1965-68	27	5	59
7)	Dale Pusey	1968-72	28	2	58
8)	Bryan Watson	1985-87,89	25	7	57
9)	Tony D'Antonio	1984-87	23	6	52
	Mike Conners	1991-93	18	16	52
11)	Tony Redman	1968-70	22	7	51

Career Saves

1)	Brad Cordrey	1974-75	367
2)	Tim Ramia	1976-78	283
3)	Dan Coleman	1981-85	268
4)	Paul Zimmerman	1978-81	239
5)	Joe Herman	1991-94	205
6)	Brian Polczynski	1991-92	182
7)	Jim Lloyd	1977-78	163
8)	John Engel	1994-96	154
9)	Greg Maney	1989-90	149
10)	Kevin Walsh	1971-72	110

Men's Soccer Honor Roll

National All-Americans
1981 Sandor Fodor
1995 Matt Tirschman

Regional All-Americans
1980 Vane Wiggins
1981 Sandor Fodor
Mark Smith
Jeff Thompson
1984 Jim Cocchiaro
1985 Chris Chale
1986 David League
1987 Robert Novak
1990 David Kidd
Kevin Jackson
1991 Kevin Darcy
1992 Chris Hayes
Scott Talley
1994 Kirk Chesla
Keith Wehr
1995 Stephen Groves
Matt Tirschman
1996 Matt Tirschman
1997 Mike Giuffrida

All-Capital Athletic Conference
1994 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Ousman Auber (first team)
Keith Wehr (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
1995 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Stephen Groves (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Mike Giuffrida (second team)
Chris Schaefer (second team)
1996 Matt Tirschman (first team)
Keith Chesla (first team)
Kirk Chesla (first team)
Pat Crawford (second team)
Mark Maguire (second team)
John Engel (second team)
1997 Mike Giuffrida (first team)
Kyle Eberhardt (second team)
Andrew Rogers (second team)
Darren LaRocque (second team)
Lou Petrovia (second team)

Player of the Year Awards
1981 Sandor Fodor (Maryland Division II-III)
1984 Eric Tewey (Maryland Division II-III)
1986 David League (Maryland Division II-III)
1987 Robert Novak (Eastern States Athletic Conference)
1996 Matt Tirschman (Capital Athletic Conference)
1997 Darren LaRocque (CAC Rookie of Year)

Why Soccer at SSU?

- **Consistent Top 10 ISAA regional ranking**
- **Competitive schedule**
  1997 schedule featured 11 of 17 regular season opponents who were ranked regionally; five of 17 ranked nationally
- **Opportunity to compete in an excellent athletic conference**
  four-year conference record of 24-3-1
- **Established and experienced coaching staff**
- **Outstanding playing and training facilities**
  120 x 75 yard irrigated game field, separate practice site, permanent stadium seating, outstanding weight training facilities and athletic training staff
- **Opportunity to play for an outstanding athletic program with a successful tradition**

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